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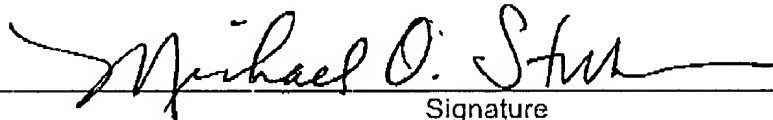
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For: GEOTHERMAL PIPE WEIGHT

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Dear Sir :

In response to the Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment, dated May 8, 2006, Applicants elect the following:

- Group 1, Species I. The weight being a ferrous material with a coating. The claims included are 2-6 and 22-26.
- Group 2, Species VI. Clamping the weight to the piping. Claim 20 is related to this species.

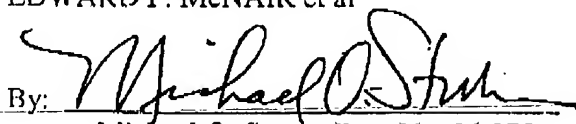
Claims 1, 10-16, 21 and 28-35 are generic.

Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of these claims are respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,
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